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Application of : McDONALD, Gregory et al.  
Serial No. : 09/368,045  
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For : **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
AUTOMATED BILL PAYMENT SERVICE**  
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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Sir:

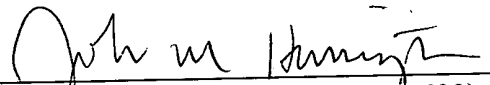
Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to file a Request for Continued Examination in the above-identified patent application. A final Office Action was mailed on November 7, 2001. Applicants previously filed a Notice of Appeal and a three-month extension of time on May 6, 2002. This extension of time will extend the period for response up to and including October 7, 2002.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00 to cover the fees for this action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required by this action, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1458. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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